



MEMO TO: House Local Government Committee

FROM: Steve Japinga, Director, Government Relations

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RE: House Bill 5041

On behalf of more than 1,100 members of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC), we appreciate the opportunity to voice our support for House Bill (HB) 5041.

This legislation is aimed at allowing residential rental property owners that fall under the City of East Lansing Ordinance 900 of 1997 the ability to make improvements and reinvest in their properties without increasing occupancy levels.

As a result of the 1997 rule, rental property owners at times have been prohibited and restricted in making significant interior or exterior structural changes while single family owner occupied homeowners can. This has resulted in blight and decay rather than improvement and reinvestment.

LRCC believes this Committee can improve property values, protect property owner rights and encourage reinvestment in East Lansing by passing HB 5041. Additionally, by passing HB 5041 it will improve the quality of life of those living inside and around the properties.

LRCC respectfully asks the Committee to support and pass HB 5041, which is a reasonable solution that will be a win-win for neighbors, property owners and tenants.

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